

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 467

Introduced by Assembly Member Yee

February 16, 2005

An act relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 467, as introduced, Yee. Mental health: hospital contracts: reimbursement.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, under which qualified low-income persons are provided with health care services, including mental health services.

Existing law requires the State Department of Mental Health to implement managed mental health care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries through fee-for-service or capitated rate contracts with mental health plans, including individual counties, counties acting jointly, any qualified individual or organization, or a nongovernmental entity. Existing law authorizes counties to contract with mental health providers to provide mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Existing regulations establish reimbursement procedures for the reimbursement of acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services for each fee-for-service Medi-Cal hospital with a contract with a mental health provider, and for the reimbursement of those services for each of these hospitals without one of these contracts.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation addressing the reimbursement of hospitals for the provision of psychiatric inpatient services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation addressing the reimbursement of hospitals for the
- 3 provision of psychiatric inpatient services.

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